

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, and Pat Renchin; and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.

Minutes Approval

- **Jeff motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the July minutes.** Motion Carried.

Public Hearing – Mark Davis’ Request for Transfer of Property

- Mark Davis of 210 West Main Street requested Council approval to transfer his restricted residential property to commercial zoning.
- A letter was mailed to each of his neighbors within a 200 foot radius from the said property informing them of his request giving them the opportunity to approve or disapprove of the zoning transfer.
- Of the nine properties that were notified, five submitted letters of rejection, three attended the meeting and voiced their rejection, and one left no comment.
- **Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to reject the request for transfer of property from restricted residential to commercial zoning.** Roll Call Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried. The property will not be transferred to commercial zoning.

Mike Dahn – Fertile Days Idea

- Mike presented the possibility of bringing in Impact Professional Wrestling for next year’s Fertile Days celebration. The Council thanked Mike for showing interest in supporting Fertile Days. They requested more information regarding cost, minimum required attendance and proof of liability coverage. The Council gave Mike permission to begin conversations with IMW regarding the possibility contingent on this information.
- The Council would like to form a committee, with the leadership of the Council, to prepare for next year’s Fertile Days celebration. Citizens interested in helping with the committee should contact City Hall before the next Council Meeting to voice their interest. *A committee will not be formed unless there are a sufficient number of citizens willing to help. Please notify us asap if you are interested in helping.*

Mayor’s Report

- The City has received the money from the WCDA for the new road and for the water plant upgrades. The new road has been installed, as well as the water plant upgrades. Between both projects, the City received \$126,348.38 from the Worth County Development Authority!
- Water Tower Paint & Repair will be completing maintenance on the water tower in September. They will be cleaning the inside and repairing a leg.
- We will be receiving an extra \$1,848 for road repairs from the Governor’s IJobs program this year as well as additional funds over the next 2-3 years.
- A loose dog recently bit a pedestrian. The City encourages pedestrians to be careful of dogs who are not on a leash. The City and County is addressing this particular issue with the dog owner according to the City Ordinances.
- The City has finally received the last payment from FEMA for the 08 flood.
- The paperwork has been filed and the City is now waiting for a court date to address the Ordinance infractions of the property at 410 North 3rd Street.
- The resident at 210 West Main Street had 21 days to clean up the property before the City filed an infraction. Progress has been made, but has not been completed. The City is allowing another 30 days for compliance.
- A Sheriff’s sale will be held at the Worth County Courthouse on Sept. 22 for the property at 406 West Washington.
- The City will be requesting three bids from engineers to determine the appropriate action to take regarding the ditches on the east end of West Washington Street. Property owners are requested to attend the next two Council meeting to solve the issues related to the City right-of-way.

City Clerk’s Report

- Eddie presented the July financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (8.33% of year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	2%	7%	11%	12%	12%
Expense	14%	58%	8%	7%	7%

(The Roads Fund is at 58% due to the City’s portion of the new road surfacing done in July.)

- **Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the July Expenses.** Motion Carried.
- Several resolutions relating to the receipt of CDBG funding for the Housing Grant were passed. The full resolutions are available to view at City Hall.
- **Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve a temporary relocation policy.** Motion Carried.
- **Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve a policy on the prohibition of the use of**

excessive force. Motion Carried.

- **Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan.** Motion Carried.
- **Tad motioned, Pat 2nd to approve a resolution on equal opportunity policy.** Motion Carried.
- **Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve a resolution adopting a code of conduct for the City of Fertile Community Development Block Grant.** Motion Carried.
- **Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve a resolution adopting a procurement policy for the City of Fertile Community Development Block Grant.** Motion Carried.
- **Tad motioned, Pat 2nd to approve a resolution adopting the affirmative fair housing policy.** Motion Carried.

Other Business

- Anne Jones, owner of The Mill, presented written requests of the City to remove a tree that has been trapped against the dam, remove a dead tree on the bank to the west of her property, and move a speed limit sign west of her property. The Council stated that her requests were appropriate and that they will take action to meet her requests.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, September 15, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn - Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of July 31, 2009		
Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Accounts		
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions	-69.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,172.12
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-391.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-154.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-80.70
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-43.49
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-64.75
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG	-230.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-115.18
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-146.31
Bill Pmt -Check	Alltel	-60.33
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy	-147.76
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair	-355.26
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-12.60
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-133.05
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric	-27,800.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.	-11,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Heartland Asphalt	-83,088.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	-24,480.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,276.77
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR	-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware	-96.19
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-11.58
Check	US Post Office	-112.00
Check	Theilen, Paul	-150.00
Check	Theilen, Dean & Betty	-150.00
Check	Rachut, Ron & Becky	-74.95
Check	Swanson, Rich	-79.00
Check	Fertile Fire Department V	-2,750.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V	-4,620.25
Check	First State Bank	-2,455.15
Check	First State Bank	-1.34
Deposit		2,176.07
Deposit		4,668.90
Deposit		2,606.87
Deposit		132,883.33
Deposit		167.68
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,876.00
Deposit		2,642.28
Deposit		14.16
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.	-1,882.66
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.	-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce	-848.69
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance	-924.00
Total General Fund Checking		-20,116.28
Total General Fund Accounts		-20,116.28
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		9.81
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		9.81
Water Fund Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		1.84
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		1.84
Total Water Fund Accounts		1.84
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		4.10
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		4.10
Sewage Revenue Fund CD		
Deposit		1,147.98
Total Sewage Revenue Fund CD		1,147.98
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		1,152.08
TOTAL		-18,952.55

2009 City Elections:

This fall, three Council positions, as well as the Mayor’s seat, are up for re-election. Papers are available at City Hall for anyone who is interested in running to fill those seats. You can also find all of the paperwork and information online at:

www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/electioninfo/CityElections.html